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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

The following amendment and response is responsive to an office action mailed on February 25, 1999, in the prosecution of the above-identified US patent application. Reconsideration of this application in light of these remarks and amendments is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

In the specification:

On page 3, line 14, delete "the system" and insert --a system for practice--, and on line 15, delete "the system" and insert -- an alternative system for practice--.

On page 3, line 26, after "conduits" delete "may be".

On page 4, line 15, delete "incinerator" and insert --oxidizer--.